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TWO CENTS.

BOBS READY TO MOVE

British Commander-in-Chief About

Boer Activity Continues Around

advance toward Pretoria. Unless all the unusually reliable sources of information and all the indications smuggled past the a few days will be marching northward. After many premature and unfounded re informed quarters, considerable hesitancy in definitely settling upon the day Lord Rob erts is likely to leave Bloemfontein, but there is a settled impression that it will oc cur either at the end of this week or the heginning of next. The long, weary wait in the Free State capital has apparently effected a much-needed rehabilitation, though it is probable Lord Roberts would still further have delayed his advance had not

Will Advance in Two Columns. The critics agree in the supposition that

the advance will be made in parallel columns, with a broad front, west of the railroad, the third and eighth divisions sweeping northward to the extreme northwest, the entire force amounting to 75,000

From the seat of war there is significant silence. From The Hague comes the news that the Boer delegates refuse to make public the object of their mission. They hope to be received by Queen Wilhelmina, but nothing in this direction has yet been

the burghers, consequently, are divided whether to remain or retire. A majority of them desire to abandon the investment of Wepener, fearing to be cut off, while the minerity, led by Commandant Olivier, are reluctant to move as long as there is a to move as long as there is capture Col. Dalgety's garrison. s have just reported rifle firing in etion of Thabanchu.

Peace Commissioners at The Hague foreign affairs and president of the mi uncil, Dr. W. H. De Beaufort, has returned the visit paid to him by the Boe commissioners. The latter, with Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic representative of the Transvaal, and Dr. Muller, the minister here of the Orange Free State, will dine with the premier this evening.

does not meet with approval at Cabul (the capital of Afghanistan) is proved by an autograph letter, published with ameer's consent, in which, after referring

withstanding all these troubles I have proved for the past twenty-one years the firm ally of Great Britain. But now, at the last moment, I must inform my powerful ally, the government of India, that the

BANK TELLER FARRAR ARRESTED He is Charged With Embezzling 825,

tradition proceedings.
It is expected Farrar will assist National Bank Examiner Fish and the officers of the

Plinois Brick Company Considering the Men's Demands.

If the company refuses to grant the re quest of the board of business agents from the building trades council to make no dis-crimination in the sale of material every one of the thirty-six brickyards in the county will be tied up inside of twenty-four hours.

More of Mr. Rockefeller's Beneficence NEWARK, Ohio, April 17.-John D. Rockefeller promised \$100,000 to Denison Univerwith at Granville if the trustees should raise \$150,000 this term. President Purinton announced last night that nearly \$125,000 had been secured.

Torpedo Boat Porter Goes Out. CAPE HENRY, Va., April 17 .- United Porter.

The Shah Starts for Europe.

TEHERAN, April 17 .- The shah started from here yesterday on his way to Europe.

An outbreak of the bubonic plague is reported in the Javanrood district, near the Turkish frontier. Since the disease appeared, three weeks ago, 195 deaths have

Steamship Arrivals.

DEWEY HAS CHOICE OF STANDS IN CHICAGO.

One Will Be Erected by Union Carpenters and the Other by

CHICAGO, April 17 .- Admiral Dewey will have to decide whether he will review the Chicago Dewey day parade from a grand stand constructed by the contractors or from a stand erected by union carpenters affiliated with the building trades council The union carpenters are aroused over the fact that the offer of the Master Carpenters' Association has been accepted by the committee on the celebration and are dissed to make trouble. A committee, composed of O. E. Woodbury, president of the 'arpenters' Union; Business Agent Lewis and Luke Grant, secretary of the Amalgamated Carpenters' Association, visited the ommittee on grand stand yesterday and committee on grand stand yesterday and offered to construct a reviewing stand. Chairman Theurer informed the committee that the matter had been settled and no proposition could be entertained.

John A. Long, president of the board of business agents of the building trades council, and Luke Grant stated later that the caprenters would write a letter to Admiral

arpenters would write a letter to Admiral bewey acquainting him with the labor situcarpenters would be a superstanding from with the labor situation in Chicago and advising him either to remain in Washington or come to Chicago with the intention of reviewing the parade from a grand stand constructed by union carpenters.

carpenters.
"If Admiral Dewey comes to the city and ignores union labor," said Business Agent Long, "the workingmen will be badly disappointed. He cannot afford to review the parade from a non-union grand stand if he is a candidate for the presidency. Besides, he will miss all the music, for no union bands will march past such a stand."

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Italian Laborer and Three Nephews Victims of a Fire.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., April 17.-A large ten nent house, occupied by Italian and negro families, near Rock Point, was destroyed man, and his three young nephews, Joseph, Pastelle and Erwin Abiatte, were burned to death. Many of the other occupants escaped by jumping from the windows. The charred remains of the four victims were found in the ruins today. The cause of the fire is not known. The occupants of the tene-ment were stone quarry laborers.

BURGLARS FAIL TO GET BOOTY. They Partly Wreck Safe in Bank at West Pullman, III.

CHICAGO, April 17.-Early today robber partly wrecked the safe in the State Bank f West Pullman, but failed to secure the \$10,000 inside.

The explosion attracted two policemen. Their approach was made known by one of the robbers on guard outside. He fired shot into the air and the men inside es aped from a rear window and disappeared. Curlously enough, the time-lock mechan-sm was not injured, and at 7:30 o'clock his morning the door was thrown open

QUEEN DRIVES TO DONNYBROOK. She Beclines an Invitation From the City of Belfast.

DUBLIN, April 17.—After her morning drive today Queen Victoria received in audience the daughter of Sergeant Major Har-tigan, now at Colenso. Natal, who presented her majesty with a bouquet from the wives and widows of the non-commissioned officers and men of the Irish regiments in South Africa. The queen's afternoon drive included Donnybrook.

BELFAST, April 17.-At orporation today, the lord mayor read a corporation today, the lord mayor read a letter from Queen Victoria expressing her heartfelt thanks for the invitation to visit Belfast and her great regret at being compelled to abandon the idea of making any journey during her stay in Ireland, on the ground that the risks of fatigue would counteract the benefits derived from the change and rest which her majesty finds necessary for her health.

TAILORS RETURN TO WORK.

Strikers in Chicago Sign Contract With the Bosses.

CHICAGO, April 17.-Tailors who were ocked out February 15 returned to work to-day, the contract between the journeymen tailors' union and the tailors and drapers' exchange having been drawn up and signed by representatives of both bodies last night. The exchange wins every point in the controversy. Back shops are refused.

The only point conceded by the bosses was in regard to bushelmen, who are allowed to remain with the union. A point lost by the strikers is the retention of men employed in their places by the various shops.

SEARCHED ALL SPECTATORS.

Sheriff at Colson Trial Watching for Concented Weapons.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17.-The case of Col. David G. Colson, charged with killing Lieut. Ethelbert Scott and L. W. Demaree in the shooting affray in the corridor of the Capital Hotel, this city, several months ago, was set for hearing in Judge Cantrill's

Deputy sheriff stood at the door and Deputy sheriff stood at the door and searched every person seeking admittance for concealed weapons. A civil case occupied the morning session and delayed the beginning of what is ex-pected to be a sensational trial.

KENTUCKY ELECTION CASES. Judge Cantrill's Decision on Motions

Favorable to Democrats. FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17.-In the cir-

cuit court today Judge Cantrill overruled the demurrers to the petitions filed by the democratic minor state officers and sussined demurrers to the answers of the rehe democrats, and the republicans can ap the democrats, and the republicans can appeal now by refusing to plead further, o may ask leave to amend their answer which will only delay matters a few days.

WILL TAKE A LONGER NAME.

Populists to Be Called the Popular Government Party.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 17 .- A mass convention of middle-of-the-road populists of Missouri was called to order here at 1 o'clock this afternoon by F. E. Richev o St. Louis, chairman of the state central committee. There were nearly 300 dele gates. Wharton Barker of Pennsylvania and Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota

The convention was called with a view of reorganizing the middle-of-the-road popullsts of the state and to select a new name, probably that of "The Popular Gov-ernment Party," which cognomen appears o please a majority of those in attend-

After organization and the appointment of committees a recess was taken. Igna-tius Donnelly will address the gathering.

A full state ticket will be named and delegates to the Cincinnati convention se-lected tomorrow.

Seven Companies of 7th New York Go to Croton Dam.

OVER 1.000 MEN THERE NOW

Remains of Sergeant Douglass to Be Sent to His Home,

SOLDIER KILLED LAST NIGHT

day for Croton Landing, the other three companies of the regiment having proceed ed to the scene of the strike last night The companies are practically full. The men carried fifty rounds of ammunition each and marching rations for three days. With the arrival of the seven companie at Croton Landing the 7th will muster

It was decided not to take the gatling guns, but if it is found that they are needd, they will be sent for. A complete ambulance corps accompanied the regiment.

Maj. Gen. Roe and his full staff left this elty for Croton dam at 10:30 o'clock. Gen. Roe will assume command of the entire militia force now on duty at the scene of

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 17.— The deputy sheriffs on guard at the quarry works have been prohibited from leaving their post of duty without a writen order. During the morning there was a skirmish

between some of the strikers and some of the employes of the contractors. Frank Baker, a section boss, was struck in the face with a stone and had several of his teeth knocked out. Sergeant Douglass' Remains. Dressed in the uniform of the 11th Separ

ate Company of Mount Vernon, N. Y., the dead body of Sergt. Robert Douglass lay in a little wooden shed in the Croton valley this morning. The body will be sent to his home in Mount Vernon under a guard of his comrades some time this afternoon. The soldiers' camp, which has been chris-The soldiers camp, which has been christened Camp Molloy, was a dreary-looking place this morning. All through the night a drizzling rain fell and the soldiers and deputies, who were on guard all night, were wet through. The strikers kept to their homes during the early morning, both in Little Italy and the Bowery. None went near the works and so attempt was made to resume work at 7 o'clock.

The first bloodshed as the outcome of the strike at the Croton dam was the shooting of Sergit. Robert Douglass of the 11th Separate Company of Mount Vernon, who was shot by an unknown assassin while he was relieving guard at 8:50 o'clock last night. The wildest excitement prevailed throughout the camp as soon as the news of the assassination spread to the different tents, and the soldiers were frantle over the crime. The point where the sergeant fell is known as Post Ten, which was in charge of Corporal McDowell. It is situated on top of the hill near Little Italy, where armed strikers were seen drilling or marching about early yesterday morning brandishing rifes and shotguns. The spot is high over the huge pile of masonry, and from it one can command a view of the country for miles on each side up and down the Croton valley. The first bloodshed as the cutcome of th

Douglass was talking to Corporal Mc-Dowell and the other members of the guard, when he suddenly clapped his hands to his stomach and said: "Load, boys; I'm of the shot which killed Douglass, and it the Marine Corps, was a most mysterious affair. Meanwhile the men picked up the fallen sergeant and c ried him down the hill on a stretcher, as soon as they reached Douglas' tent poor fellow died without saying a word,

LIGHT VOTE IN LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17 .- Heavy rains fell over the state last night and today, and the indications were for a small vote in the state election. At many of the polling places in this city the water was half a foot deep.

United States senators; parochial and county officers throughout the state, muni-cipal officers in most of the towns outside of New Orleans and a number of judicial officers. Three state tickets are in the field—the democrats, the Wimberly repub-lican and the Caffery republicans. The fican and the Caffery republicans. The campaign has been extremely bitter. But for today's weather conditions a large vote would have been polled. This was the first general election under the new constitution. Because of the educational and property requirements for voters the registration was reduced from 250,000 to 124,000, of which only 7,000 are negroes.

Strife Among New Jersey Republicans Has All Been Settled.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.-A Trenton N. J., special to the Evening Telegraph

Word has been received here that the strife between the leaders of the republican party for the places of delegates-atlarge and national committeeman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Vice President Hobart has been settled by the personal intervention of General Wm. J. Sewell. The delegates-at-large will be Senators Kean and Sewell, Barker Gummere of Trenton and State Chairman Franklin Murphy. The position of national committeeman will go to Mr. Murphy. It is expected that Governor Voorhees will announce his withdrawal from the contest very shortly. he vacancy caused by the death of Vice

FUSION IN WASHINGTON.

Silver Allies Postpone State Conven-tion Until After July 4.

gates to the national convention. A conference with the populists state central committee developed a disposition for fusion, and it was agreed by both bodies that the fixing of the state conventions should be postponed until after the demo-cratic national convention, when the two bodies will meet at Seattle and arrange the basis of fusion, which will probably be one convention of 600 members, with 250 demo-crats, 250 populists and 100 silver repub-

Small Fortune in Stamps. opedal Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., April 17.-The consolidated mortgage-\$62,500,000-of the reorganized Seaboard Air Line was recorded here today. There were \$19,000 of revenue stamps required, and the state fees were \$4,000.

ONE OF AGUINALDO'S BEST FIGHT ERS IN A TRAP.

Was Trying to Reorganize Filipine Army-Insurgents Take the Aggressive Again.

MANILA, April 17.-General Montenegro, one of the insurgents' best fighters, has surrendered to Col. Smith in the mountains near Camaling, in the province of Pangasinan, where, with General Macabulos, he had been trying to reorganize the Filipino army. Col. Smith, with five companies of the 17th Regiment, nearly sur rounded the force of Montenegro, who, discouraged by the impossibility of making his men stand against the Americans, surrendered. Macabulos escaped.

The insurgents have attacked San Jos n the province of Batangas, and Santa Cruz on the lake, fruitlessly,

Sharp Fight at Cagavan Twelve hundred Tagalogs attacked Case's battalion headquarters of the 40th Regiment, at Cagayan, Island of Mindanao, April 7. The Americans had fifteen casualties, while of the attacking force fifty were killed and thirty wounded or taken prisoners. The enemy, numbering 150 riflemen, the remainde being bolomen, archers and mounted spear men, swooped down in a howling mass, a daylight, surprising and killing three of the sentries. They swarmed the streets in small parties, some bearing scaling ladders, by means of which they attempted to enter the houses.

The Americans tumbled out of the bar racks and formed in the plaza, and companies began sweeping the town. The subsequent street fighting lasted twenty minutes. Twelve of the wounded Americans are now on board the hospital ship Relief. The enemy withdrew to the mountains in great confusion.

Philippine Commissioners Sail Today

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 .- The Philip-

pine commissioners met many members of the bar yesterday in the rooms of the United States circuit court. They were also entertained at a luncheon by Gen. Shafter. Today they will sail for the is-lands on the transport Hancock. Commander Cowle Sails for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 .- Commander Cowie, U. S. N., sailed for the Philippines today on the steamer Doric, to take charge of the machine shops at the Cavite navy yard.

RETURN OF ADMIRAL WATSON. Will Immediately Turn Over His Com-

mand to Admiral Remey. The Newark sailed today from Manila for Vokohama, where she is to await the arrival of Admiral Kempff, who will be second in command on the Asiatic station. The admiral is expected to arrive at Yokohama tomorrow with Admiral Remey, and will make the Newark his flagship. Admiral Remey will hoist his flag on the Brooklyn which is now at Yokohama, and relieve Admiral Watson of the command of the entire Asiatic squadron. Admiral Watson will start home as soon as he turns over the command, coming on the Baltimore by way of the Suez and the Mediterranean. If he cares to he will visit the north coast of Europe and put in at Havre during the con-tinuance of the Paris exposition. He has notified the Navy Department by e following detail of officers for the U. S

S. Baltimore: Capt. J. M. Forsyth, commanding; Licut guard, when he suddenly clapped his hands to his stomach and said: "Load, boys; I'm shot," and then fell to the ground. It was pitch dark at the time, but McDowell and the others fired a volley into a clump of bushes near by without hitting any one. No one saw the flash or heard the sound

THE TRANSPORT SERVICE.

Information reached the War Department this morning that the transport Thomas left Manila Sunday for San Francisco with number of sick and invalid officers and men including Brig. Gen. Theodore Schwan, Co. Jacob Kline of the 21st Infantry, Col. J. W. French of the 22d Infantry and Col. Simon Snyder of the 19th Infantry.

Word was also received of the transport Meade at Manila.

The quartermaster general has purchased the large sailing ship St. Mark at Philadelphia as a storage ship for coal for the use of vessels of the transport service. The St. Mark will start for the Philippines in a few days with a full cargo of coal. The authority of the property with the company to the coal forms of the start of the property of the coal forms.

MUTUAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

Secretary Root said this morning tha the misunderstanding between Maj. Knight, the engineer officer in command of the army post at Willet's Point, New York, and Father Tierney had been fully adjusted to the entire satisfaction of both parties, and that the matter will be allowed to drop without further action by the War Department. The trouble arose out of a misunder standing of the rules of the post on the part of Father Tierney and a misunderstanding on the part of Maj. Knight as to the in tentions of the priest. The latter was on tentions of the priest. The latter was on his way to the post hospital to visit a sick soldier, but instead of following the usual route, he went by a path which took him near the batteries. He was not recognized by the sentry and was turned back, in accordance with the rules against civilians visiting that part of the post. The matter was investigated by a representative of the Wod Department at Willet's Point yesterday, with the result of murual explanations. lay, with the result of mutual explanation and a complete reconciliation, the two prin-cipals parting as excellent friends. Secre-tary Root says that no change in the com-mand of the post is contemplated.

Pay Director George Cochran, from th navy pay office, Philadelphia, to the Naval Home for treatment. He will be relieved by Pay Director R. P. Lisle, who is now at the League Island navy yard.

to additional duty as general storekeeper at the League Island navy yard.

Paymaster J. Q. Lovell, to duty at the Norfolk navy yard in connection with the new battle ship Kentucky and to duty on the same vessel when commissioned.

Passed Assistant Paymaster H. L. Robins and Lieutenant J. K. Robison, from the Marinelpead to the Marinelpead Marblehead to the Mare Island hospital for

reatment.
Assistant Paymaster C. J. Peoples, to duty at the Mare Island navy yard as as duty at the Mare Island navy yard as as-sistant general storekeeper.

Assistant Paymaster G. W. Reeves, from the Independence to temporary duty with accounts of the Marblehead, thence to the

New York Republican Convention in Session Today.

ADDRESS BY SENATOR ELSBERG He Lauds the President and Gov.

WANTS LATTER AGAIN

Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, April 17.-The republican state convention met 'today in Grand Central Palace. B. B. Odell, jr., chairman of the state committee, called the convention to order and the Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell of the Marble Collegiate Church delivered an invocation.

State Senator N. A. Elsberg of New York city was made temporary chairman and addressed the convention at considerable lergth, dwelling upon the ability with which the state and national governments had been administered by Governor Roosevelt and President McKinley, respectively.

Mr. Elsberg's Remarks.

"In the clamor of the demagogues, the ophistries of democrats," said Mr. Elsberg, "what is there offered or proposed" No policy but that of opposition; no program but inglorious retreat. As against it we show again the actual facts. Hawai an American territory, a priceless possession in the 'ocean of the future.' Rebellion to lawfully acquired authority in the Philippines almost stamped out, and only kept alive at all by the encouragement it re ceives from within the United States; Cuba nearly prepared for peaceful civil government, with its promised independence soon to come. Porto Rico under the American flag, with a temporary form of territorial government which our federal Constitution justifies and permits. Our standing in the east—the result of our ownership of the Philippine Islands—recognized, by the assent of all the powers to our demand for the 'open door.' Expanding exports to all our new possessions and a prouder and more exalted place ourselves among the nations of the earth." ceives from within the United States; Cuba

Allusion to Roosevelt. Speaking of Gov. Roosevelt, Mr. Elsberg

"In all his term of office the venomous shafts of malice and of hate that partisan ship has sometimes launched have never ound a mark on Gov. Roosevelt, and the breath of scandal has not touched a repu-tation whose purity and strength have been but many times enhanced by the searchlight glare of public life. New York will make no sacrifice of him as yet at any rate, and not until the state has had another term of Roosevelt as its governor will she relinquish him to what we hope are blocky house at III. It was a life or the state of the sta are higher honors still in store. This declaration was greeted

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This declaration was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the delegates.
Both of the West Chester county delegations were given seats in the convention with half votes each. Ex-Representative Lemuel E. Quigg was made chairman of the committee on resolutions.

Mr. Quigg Was Hissed.

The usual resolution to refer all resolu-ions to the committee without discussion was adopted. Mr. Quigg arose to offer a resolution relating to the committee on resolutions, when some one called for three cheers. The cheers began feebly, but in an instant from galleries and sides of the hall came hisses which drowned the cheers. The chairman finally rapped the disturbers to order, closing the unpleasant teatler.

convention took a recess until 4 p.m.

Want Roosevelt Again. A careful census of the district leader: taken by Representative Lucius Littauer, was said to have shown that a large majority were in favor of the renomination of Governor Roosevelt. This statement of Mr. Littauer was practically indorsed in the speech prepared by Temporary Chairman Elsberg, and which passed under the eye: of both Mr. Platt and Chairman Odell, evidently meeting their approval. It was a

"New York will make no sacrifice of hir (Governor Roosevelt), as yet at any rate, and not until the state has had another term of Roosevelt as its governor will we relinquish him to what we hope are higher

ionors still in store."

It was pointed out by friends of the gov It was pointed out by friends of the governor that this was a clear indorsement of the organization's attitude toward him.

Many of the delegations met during the morning for the purpose of selecting their state committeemen and their electors. The frietion which it was believed would crop up in the Rennsalaer and Westchester district was hardly apparent, and prior to the time for assembling of the convention there was every indication that there would be no friction.

For Delegates to Philadelphia.

The committee appointed to name dele-gates at large to the national republican convention has decided to report the folowing names:

Delegates at large-Senators T. C. Plat and Chauncey M. Depew, Gov. Theodor. Roosevelt and B. B. Odell, jr., chairman of Roosevelt and B. D. Oden, J., he state committee.
Alternates—George H. Roberts, Jr., Kings county; ex-State Controller James A. Roberts, Buffalo; George J. Smith, Ulster county; State Senator John Raines, Ontario

BOXING MATCHES TABOOED. President York Outlines Policy of

New York Police Board.

NEW YORK, April 17 .- President York f the police board came out openly today in stating the policy of the board to refus o grant licenses for public boxing matches. "The board's position is this," said he, "i it were wrong to hold a boxing match September 1, it is wrong to permit one to be held May 1. Since the repeal of the Horton law the board considers that it would be violating the spirit of the law and public opinion to issue a permit for the holding of a boxing match."

Children Ate Strychnine Pills. TITUSVILLE, Pa., April 17.-At Pittsfield, a Warren county hamlet, near here. two little girls, aged four and two years, re pectively, daughters of Mr. and Mrs Harry C. Haze, in some manner secured some strychnine pills, which they ate, dying in awful agony two hours later.

Fire in a Wooden Ware Plant. ESCANABA, Mich., April 17.-The butte dish department of the Escanaba Wooden Ware Company's plant was destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of \$60,000.

Want a Cruiser Named Pittsburg. PITTSBURG, Pa., April 17.-At a meet ing of the Pittsburg chamber of commerce a resolution was adopted respectfully and urgently petitioning Secretary John D. Long of the navy to give the name of "Pittsburg" to one of the new armored cruisers of war to be constructed for the United States navy.

FOR THEM.

From the Answer When Received.

At the recent hearings before the agricul tural committee the oleomargarine makers refused to tell the proportions of the ingredients which they use in making their product. The dairymen were anxious to bring out some statistics upon this point, but were unable to get them on record.

oleomargarine manufacturers have summoned to their aid the representatives of several other interests through misrepresentations. It is alleged that they get the support of southern interests by claiming

whole thing in the oleomargarine trade, and whole thing in the oleomargarine trade, and that if these wicked butter producers triumph the cottonseed oil, the lard or the beef industry will suffer. In order to develop the exact proportion of ingredients the resolution has been introduced. The dairymen say they believe the report will also show the use of some deleterious substances, notably stearine, which, they claim, is an indigestible product resem-bling tallow from which candles are made. The information is on file in the internal evenue bureau, as the law requires the manufacturers to submit monthly state-ments showing the materials used.

Passage of House Bill 8466 by the Senate.

The Senate today passed House bill 8466, to amend the act of February 28, 1898, re-lating to taxes and tax sales in the Disstrike from the present law that provision deed during the time between the delivery of such tax deed and the redemption of amended, would allow the purchaser of the tax deed the amount paid for such deed and interest at the rate of 15 per cent.

This legislation was recommended by the Commissioners. In their letter approving

"The clause sought to be repealed by this bill was intended solely for the protection of purchasers of property at tax sales by securing to them the return, with interest, of any money they pay for taxes due on the purchased property subsequent to the sale, the purchasers' purpose in making such payments being to prevent a subsequent sale of the property for arrears of taxes until they are entitled to a tax deed. No such provision was ever before contained in a tax law of the District.

"It has been found by experience that not only is the effect of this provision as a stimulus to purchasers at tax sales practically insignificant, but that it involves the keeping of an intricate system of accounts, the trouble and expense of which far outwelgh any advantage that can be derived from it. The aggregate amount so far received in any one year's taxes has been less than \$400, and this sum is made up of items ranging from 3 cents up to about \$20, more than half of which are less than \$1, and very few as large as \$5."

The bill was passed without amendment and requires only the signature of the President to become a law.

POSTAGE STAMP BOOKS.

The distribution of stamps in books has been begun by the Post Office Department. These books contain twelve, twenty-four and forty-eight 2-cent stamps, respectively and while it is a question whether the public will appreciate the convenience of this form of having the stamps, still the matter is to be tested. It is expected by the 1st of May that all the post offices in the country will be supplied with these books. and today the shipments were begun from the bureau of printing and engraving. A supply for the first-class offices, numbering 193, is being sent out today, and as rapidly

as possible the books assigned for the sec-ond-class offices will be shipped, and then will follow in order the supplies for the ffices in the other classes.

The books for the office in this city were received today, and will be on sale tomorrow. The department is prepared, in the event the demand proves to be very large, to fill orders as rapidly as the postmasters send them in. The stamps are inclosed in covers of stiff Manila cards about three inches long and two inches wide. The stamps are in sheets of six and the sheets are separated by oiled or paraffin paper. For a book containing twelve 2-cent stamps a charge of 25 cents is made, so that the department gets 1 cent for the trouble and expense of this form. The department therefore charges only the full value for the stamp and 1 cent for the book and the oiled paper. The convenience to the public of this device, it is believed, will be looked upon as well worth the slight charge that is made. received today, and will be on sale

TO BUY OLD CORCORAN GALLERY.

From the committee on public buildings and grounds of the Senate two Senate bills were reported favorable yesterday afternoon. These bills are to set apart certain public grounds in this city for the use of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the erection of a memorial building, and to authorize

Art Gallery directs the acquirement of original lois 5, 6, 7 and 8, in square 167, containing 17,733 square feet and located at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 17th street northwest. This property fronts 103 feet on Pennsylvania avenue and 160 feet on 17th street. The original bill provided that this property be used by the Court of Claims, but it was amended by the committee so that it may be used for either that or "such other purpose as may be determined." The original bill provided that not to exceed \$350,000 should be paid for the property, but it is amended so that this sum is reduced to \$332,500. If not acquired by direct purchase for this sum it may be acquired by condemnation proceedings.

The bill is also amended to provide that so much of the act to provide for the erection of a building for the Department of Justice, approved March 3, 1899, as provides "that said building shall be constructed so as to provide a court room and necessary accommodations for the Court of Claims" be repealed. inal lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in square 167, contain-

STATUS OF THE MILITARY

the foundations laid for one of the best states of the Union.

is for Governor Allen to proceed to Porto Rico, look over the ground, talk with natives, establish an embryo civil government after his inauguration, return here and confer with the President about further steps wi'l be taken. After Mr. Allen's repointment of executive officers. Immediate ly after the inauguration of the executive branch of the government will follow the establishment of the judicial branch. The President wants to appoint well-known and able men as judges of the island. The last branch of the government to be set to working will be the legislative. The exworking will be the legislative. The ex-ecutive counci, with five native represent-atives, will constitute the upper branch of the Porto Rican legislature. The lower branch will be elected by the people. It is not thought now that the election can be he'd under satisfactory conditions before next fall or winter. By that time it is thought that the people ought to be in position to vote intelligently for members of the legislature. Until the legislature assembles and makes laws the present laws of the island will be

Until the legislature assembles and makes laws the present laws of the Island will be enforced. Soldiers of the army, under Gen. Davis, will remain in the Island until the civil government is working in all its branches. The military will be under the command of Gov. Allen, however, as the District National Guard is subject to the orders of the President. The soldiers will constitute a police force. When the legislature has enacted laws and these go into operation the soldiers will retire.

parties of strangers and received five o six people prior to the assembling of the cabinet. He had brief conferences with Senators Cullom, Nelson and McComas, Representative William A. Smith and T. J. Akins, chairman of the state resulting about politics in the west. Senator McComas had some Maryland matters to take up with the President.

Men Who Were Anti-Administration. The visit of Senator Nelson was largely personal. He was one of the republican enators who opposed the administration policy as to a Porto Rican tariff. Senator

as friendly relations with the President as before their fight. They could have sulked and kept away from the White House had

ground that he does not propose to be ig-nored.

Senator Hear has remained away from the White House on political missions. Notwithstanding his opposition to the President on Philippine matters, he went to the Ident on Philippine matters, he went to the White House to pay his respects when he returned to Washington at the beginning of the session of Congress. The President, too, has not thought of ignoring the ven-erable senator from Massachusetts, and

ippines were at one time quits pronounced in their opposition to the views of the ad-ministration, never for a moment suspend-ed his visits to the President, and it is

tive sidetrack, so far as influence is con Senator Beveridge has greatly widened the intervals of his visits to the Executive Mansion since his speech on the Porto Rican bill and is almost a stranger to the

President's doorkeeper. It is not believed this will be permanent, however. Senator Proctor, who voted against the Porto Rican bill, is as strong at the White House as ever. So are Senators Ross, Slmon and others.

A frequent visitor now is Representative States.

CONTROL OF THE POUND. Senstor Lodge's Bill Transferring It to the Humane Society.

Attorney Frank B. Crosthwalte, who has been confined to his home during the past week by an attack of grip, has recovered, and yesterday resumed examination of the witnesses in the Coeur d'Alene labor investigation before the House committee on

and on his return home after the Spanish war he was presented by his fellow- citi-

The condition of Senator Hanna of Ohio, who has been suffering from the grin, is much improved. He was able to go to the

The naval policy board had another short session today, but made public nothing relative to its proceedings.

Ready to Start for Pretoria.

WILL ADVANCE IN TWO COLUMNS

Reddersburg and Rouxville.

THE HABUE COMMISSIONERS LONDON, April 17.-At last Lord Roberts ports that have purported to tell of this

the Boer activity forced him to put his forces in such positions that today, unless they quickly proceed northward, the stra-tegic advantage will be lost.

men. Exactly what part Gen, Buller will take probe.

From the seat of war there is significant

Boers Displaying Activity. MASERU, Basutoland, Monday, April 16.—The Boers for two days past have been displaying great activity along the Red-dersburg and Rouxville road. Their scouts report that the British are advancing on hose places to the relief of Wepener, and

AMEER WANTS AID NOW. Afghan Ruler Sends Significant Note to India's Viceroy. LAHORE, Punjab, April 17.—That Great Britain's attitude toward Afghanistan in n with Russian designs on Herat

to the various rumors, he adds: "Now, when Afghenistan is overwhelmed on all sides, the British government does seem to take any interest, but enjoys the pride of aloofness and reserve. Whenever I have suggested a check to Russian aggression I have had no response from the government of India except the suggestion that Afghanistan might consent to the con struction of railways and telegraphs. This is impossible, as the Afghans consider that such a step would mean their roin Nor

present is the time for deeds and not for

000 From Employers. BOSTON, April 17.-John C. Farrar, the teller of the Waterbury National Bank of Waterbury, Vt., who was arrested in this city last night charged with the embezzlement of \$25,000 from the institution named, was taken to Vermont today without ex-

bank who are now engaged in examini-BRICKMAKERS MAY STRIKE.

CHICAGO, April 17,-The Tribune says The brickmakers of Cook county, constituting one of the strongest labor organizations in the west, stand ready to go on strike. Whether they will or not will be determined by the action to be taken by the executive board of the Illinois Brick Company today.

States torpedo boat, supposed passed out 11 a.m., going south.

At New York-State of Nebraska, from Glasgow; Belgravia, from Hamburg.

NEW YORK, April 17 .- In compliance with orders issued last night seven com-panies of the 7th Regiment left this city to-

more than 1,000 men.

Heavy Rains Have Left Roads in Bad Condition.

A full state ticket was to be elected, as well as a legislature, which will choose two

DUE TO GEN. SEWELL.

very shortly.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 17.-The demo ratic state central committee today fixed May 15 as the date and Spokane as the place of the state convention to select dele-

treatment.

Arrival of the Meade at Manila and Departure of the Thomas.

Major Knight and Father Tierney Part Excellent Friends.

Naval Orders. Lieutenant A. T. Long has been detached from the Saratoga and ordered to the

Paymaster J. N: Speel has been assigned

Asiatic station, via Solace.
Assistant Paymasters W. T. Camp and S. Rhodes, from the Independence to the Solace for passage to the Asiatic station.
A commission has been issued to Lieutenant Commander W. F. Fullam.

THE ADMIRAL MUST DECIDE MORE TROOPS ARRIVE GEN. MONTENEGRO GIVES UP ODELL IN THE CHAIR OLEO INGREDIENTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE CALLING

What the Dairymen Expect to Show

Mr. Grout has introduced in the House a resolution calling upon the Treasury Departmert to furnish to Congress informa tion as to the kinds and amounts of in gredients used in the manufacture of oleomargarine. Behind the resolution is an interesting story of the anti-oleomargarine fight now being waged in Congress.

Claims by Dairymen. It is claimed by the dairymen that the

support of southern interests by claiming that cotton seed oil is the largest part of oleomargarine; that they enlist the cattlemen by claiming that the by-products of the beef cattle furnish the principal constituent of oleomargarine; that the hog raisers are allured by the tale that a great market for lard is made by the manufacture of oleomargarine.

Each one of these industries, the dairymen claim, is made to believe that it is the whole thing in the oleomargarine trade and

RELATING TO TAX SALES.

trict of Columbia. The bill proposes to which requires the repayment of taxes and assessments paid by the owner of a tax the property by the owner. The law, as

this bill the Commissioners say:
"The clause sought to be repealed by this bill was intended solely for the protection

They Will Be on Sale Tomorrow in the Local Offices.

Favorable Report on the Bill Made to

the purchase of the Corcoran Art Gallery The bill for the purchase of the Corcoran

compounded daily.

A BUSINESS AXIOM.

Money spent in continu-

ous advertising in the daily press draws interest that is

Porto Rico's Government Discussed

by the Cabinet.

PROGRAM LAID OUT FOR GOV. ALLEN Legislature Not Likely to Meet Be-

fore Next Winter.

The new civil government for Porto Rico cabinet today. The President and his adrisers are firm in the belief that a splendid civil government is to be established and

The program as outlined in the cabinet

Before the Cabinet Meeting. The President shook hands with two large

Davis was another. Both of these are on

and kept away from the White House had they desired to continue opposition of any kind. In this respect they are wholly unlike some of the other republican senators who have opposed administration policy and continue to do so.

Senator Mason, who became estranged from his party on the Philippine question, has not been to the White House in many months; in fact, more than a year. He has apparently decided to cut all relations with the Executive Mansion. Politically he has ceased to make recommendations on the

erable senator from Massachusetts, and during the social season invited him to the dinner given in honor of the Suprems Court. Senator Hoar is chairman of the judiciary committee of the Senate, and the chairman of this committee has always been invited to the Supreme Court dinner. So Senator Hoar's relations are formally in fair shape. in fair shape.

Senator Hale, whose views as to the Phil-

loubtful if he was ever on the administra

bley, formerly a democrat. While one the democratic leaders he never went to the White House. Now he is there as often as nce a week.

Mr. Lodge has introduced a bill in the enate to invest the Washington Humane Society with the care, control and management of the pound for the District of Columbia. The bill provides that the said Washington Humane Society shall report annually to the Commissioners in regard to its operations under this act, with an account of its receipts and disbursements. The sum of \$4,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated, to be paid to the said society for the care and maintenance of the pound, and the taking up, impounding and disposal of animals.

military affairs. Lieut, Commander Benjamin Tappan, U. S. N., spent Easter Sunday in the city call-ing on his Arkansas friends. Lieut. Commander Tappan is a native of Helena, Ark,

Capitol this afternoon. The Naval Policy Board.

zens with a sword.

J. W. Ross, J. C. Churchill, S. H. Shad-bott and C. B. Houghton of this city are registered at the Earlington, New York. Senator Hanna at the Canital.